Reviewer's report

Title: Quantifying the burden of disease due to premature mortality in Hong Kong using Standard Expected Years of Life Lost

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Reviewer: Alan Geater

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Re-review report 7th July, 2013.

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All my previous comments/suggestions have been addressed adequately.

A few comments on the revised manuscript (minor or discretionary revisions):

Final paragraph of Discussion: “…Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) use potential…” should, I think, be re-written “…Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) uses potential…”

References 12, 13 and 14: The titles of the works cited (given in italics) should have the main words starting with upper-case letters.

Reference 15: No publisher or place of publication is given.

Various references: The format for citing parts of a publication is variously given as “In:” and “In” [the second with no colon]. Presumably the format should be consistent and in accordance with the requirements of the journal.

I would beg to suggest that the use of “are” in the second line of the Abstract should better be returned to the original “is” as the subject of the sentence is the singular concept of “Standard Expected Years of Life Lost”, notwithstanding the plural “years” within that concept.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.